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Corps of Engineers Logistics Center to open at Millington Naval Support Activity

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Jan. 26, 2007 – Millington, Tenn., welcomes its newest military organization with the arrival of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Logistics Activity Center.

An official “Stand-up” ceremony is scheduled for Jan. 30 at 10 a.m. in the Pat Thompson Conference Center, Building 767, located on the Naval Support Activity at 5722 Integrity Drive, Millington.

Strategic Sourcing Program Office Chief G. Ray Navidi, who oversees and directs the planning, studies, decision, and implementation of the Corps’ competitive sourcing program from Washington, D.C., is scheduled to be the key-note speaker.

Navidi was chosen to oversee the Logistics High Performance Organization (HPO) which came into existence on Sept. 17, 2006, following a year and a half of development. During that time, leaders redesigned business processes, consolidated, combined and centralized the way the Corps of Engineers does logistics.

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Raymond F. Urena has been chosen as the Director of the Logistics Activity Center. The target employment level at the Center is 121 positions, although the transition plan calls for a deliberate build-up to that level in Millington over the next several years. The Center work will include supply, transportation, travel, maintenance, facilities, and logistics emergency planning and response capabilities to support Corps' customer locations worldwide. It will also manage the work of approximately 270 logistics delivery point personnel at customer sites.

The new organization will be more efficient and effective through newly developed uniform logistics business processes, consolidation of some work such as property book functions, and providing a common level of logistics service to its customers. These improvements have been necessary for some time, but the Department of Defense authority and permission to form a Corps High Performing Organization with a USACE Logistics Activity as its centerpiece provided a unique opportunity to make these changes now.

"U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Logistics is pleased to have had the opportunity to develop its new HPO organization to be more flexible, responsive and cost effective to its customers," said Larry Robinson, Deputy Director of Logistics for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. "We are excited to be able to open our Logistics Activity Center in Millington, and see it develop into the world-class provider of logistics products and services."